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MICHAEL HOPPE IN CONCERT

Sunday March 20, 3 pm, at San Pedro Chapel

Michael Hoppe is a composer of exceptional melodic talent with a background in both popular and classical music. He lives and works in Los Angeles. He has scored many films, composed and recorded fourteen albums, (including several gold and platinum records), and received numerous awards from the music industry. Most recently, he received a Grammy Award in 2004 for his thirteenth album, and will be playing several songs from this album during the concert at the Chapel on March 20th. Michael is known internationally and recently played for a United Nations event where Jane Goodall was the featured speaker.

Michael will be in concert in Tucson for one performance only, playing the piano and accompanied by a local cellist and violinist. He issues us this invitation:

"As we all experience life-changing events both universal and personal, may my music become songs of solace for you - where the dark clouds in life give way to the glow of eternal hope and peace."

OFLNA invites you to set aside your cares for an afternoon, join your friends at the Chapel, and be uplifted by the beautiful melodies of this gifted and warm-hearted musician. Tickets are \$10 and may be purchased at the door or by calling Jeanne (326-6042) or Donna (320-1302).

The Old Fort Lowell Live-At-Home Program, Inc. presents the twentieth annual EL FUERTE FLEA MARKET San Pedro Chapel, April 7-10, 2005

Sale Days:

Thursday, April 7 – 6:00 to 9:00 pm – **OFLLAH & OFLNA** members only Friday, April 8 – 10:00 am to 2:00 pm – open to the public Saturday, April 9 – 9:00 am to 3:00 pm – open to the public Sunday, April 10 – 11:00 am to 3:00 pm – open to the public

We gratefully accept gardening tools, sports equipment, jewelry, books, toys, gadgets kitchenware, dishes, office equipment, furniture – almost anything except clothing and shoes. (continued on page 2)



THANK YOU THANK YOU THANK YOU to all those who volunteered and worked on our 24th La Reunión de El Fuerte. Despite the adverse weather conditions, you welcomed and helped to educate between 250-300 people about the history of our neighborhood. Your efforts contribute to preserving the special history of our corner of the City and make the Old Fort Lowell Neighborhood a wonderful place to live. We hope that you'll join us again next year when we celebrate our 25th La Reunión.

Co-chairs: Peggy Sackheim, Jeanne Turner, and Janet Marcus. (continued from page 1)

Schedule for Receiving Donations:

Monday, March 28, 5 – 8pm
Tuesday, March 29, 5 – 8pm
Truesday, March 29, 5 – 8pm
Wednesday, March 30, 10am – 2pm
Friday, April 1, 10am – 2pm & 5-9pm
Saturday, April 2, 10am – 2 pm

If you have questions, need help transporting larger items or would like to work in the sale, call Kay Anderson (795-8662) or Judy Clinco (323-1843

~ All proceeds go to support the Old Fort Lowell Neighborhood's "neighbor to neighbor" Live-At-Home Program ~

OFLNA HOME TOUR: Saturday March 12, 2005

A reminder that **The 2005 OFLNA Home Tour** will take place between 10 am and 3 pm on Saturday, March 20, and will include **The Old Post Trader's Store**, 5425 E. Fort Lowell Rd; the **Bolsius House**, at 5495 E. Fort Lowell Rd; and the **Duarte House**, at 2902 N. Beverly Ave.

We need many, many volunteers to work as "Room Hosts." Please contact Ann Hastings (584-0788) if you would be willing to help. Peggy Sackheim (327-4285) would love additional volunteers to help with other tasks.

Tickets are \$25 and can be purchased in advance at Details & Green Shoelaces, Cele Peterson's, Arizona Inn Gift Shop, and Copenhagen. They may also be purchased the day of the tour at each home. Proceeds from this home tour will fund historic preservation projects. For further information, call 318-0219.

JON LIGHTFOOT: Exhibition and Sale of paintings, prints, and lithographs, April 20-26, San Pedro Chapel Sponsored by the Fort Lowell Art Group (FLAG)

Meet the Artist Fiesta: April 22, 6:30 – 9 pm Exhibit Hours: Noon to 5 pm weekdays 10 am to 6 pm Saturday 10 am to 5 pm Sunday

Building on the success of last year's Al Romo Retrospective, FLAG invites the community to the second annual exhibition of Southwestern Art.

Jon Forest Lightfoot, whose heritage is Cherokee and Swedish, moved to Tucson from the Midwest when he was eight years old. He is especially pleased to show his work in the Fort Lowell neighborhood, where he lived as a boy. He studied art at Bennington College, the School of Visual Arts, the Art Students' League, and the Milan School of Fine and Applied Arts. After his early studies, Mr. Lightfoot began a ten-year career in (continued on page 3)



NEIGHBORHOOD CLEAN-UP: Saturday, March 19

The OLFNA, assistance and support from "Tucson Clean and Beautiful," is sponsoring a neighborhood clean-up March 19. We are sure you have all noticed that the Old Fort Lowell Neighborhood needs a spring cleaning of its trails, paths, alleys, roads and washes so a big turn-out for a little work would be great. We expect it will be a lot of fun - a great way to join your neighbors, enjoy the beginning of spring, get some exercise, and contribute to the beauty of our community. We can find a job for everyone from five to eighty-five years. Bring the whole family! Meet your neighbors between 8:00 a.m. and noon in the San Pedro parking lot for supplies and instructions. Prepare for a lot of fun and a little work.

Contact Dennis Olson at 241-5095 or by email at dennisolson@yahoo.com for more information.

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New York and London, where he worked in theater, dance, and modeling. Even while acting and dancing in stage productions, Lightfoot continued to draw, sometimes sketching stage tableaux while waiting in the wings. In 1971, the artist returned home to Tucson, where he worked in decorative arts and began to paint in earnest.

Lightfoot's work has been shown widely over the American West, in colonial cities of Mexico, and in the arts districts of Florida. Curators admire the composition and design elements of his paintings, whether the Native American subjects for which he has long been known and celebrated, or for the more recent "liquid sensuality" of brilliant Michoacan fruit - prompting comparisons with the work of Frida Kahlo. One Mexican writer states that Lightfoot imbues a still life with such emotion and passion, that even one fruit is a landscape. His newest work is a dance of colour and vibrant application of paint; the composition blends his classic motifs with a freshly articulated subject. Whether his subjects are proud roosters or realistic native figures, his work is a testament to a life of artistic clarity.

Mr. Lightfoot, who lives and paints in Armory Park, has selected paintings of varying themes for this exhibit. Large paintings with religious themes speak of his interest in religious art of Mexico and Europe. His signature portraits of Hopi, Navajo, Zuni, and Mexican Indians are rendered in clear, light-filled desert colors: brown, red, tan, yellow, along with the blues of sky and shadow. His people seem one with the very textiles that they wear or the robes and pots that serve as backdrop. They appear still in a swirling world of geometric form. In addition to Mr. Lightfoot's paintings and drawings, some of his beautifully rendered and limited edition lithographs are for sale.

Mr. Lightfoot will greet guests and friends at the Artist Reception on April 22 where Old Fort Lowell neighbors will host a Fiesta from 6:30 to 9 pm.

Some of the proceeds will benefit the Old Fort Lowell Neighborhood Association, Inc. for the conservation of the historic adobe San Pedro Chapel. For additional information contact Demion Clinco (323-1843) or Cate Varley (323-3235)

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OFLNA CALENDAR 2005

OFLNA Home Tour: Saturday, March 12, 10 am - 3 pm You may start the tour at any of the following houses: 5425 E. Fort Lowell Rd., 5495 E. Fort Lowell Rd., 2902 N. Beverly Ave

Neighborhood CLEAN-UP: Sunday, March 20th, 8 am - noon

The Healing Power of Music: Benefit Concert with Michael Hoppe

Sunday, March 20th, 3 pm, at San Pedro Chapel.

El Fuerte Flea Market Sale:

Thursday, April 7, 6 - 9pm, OFLLAH and OFLNA members-only preview

Friday, April 8, 10am – 2 pm – open to the public Saturday, April 9, 9 am - 3 pm - open to the public

Sunday, April 10, 12 noon - 3 pm, open to the public, half-price day

Galleria San Pedro: Art Show with Jon Lightfoot: April 20-26

Opening hours Noon to 5 pm weekdays

10 am to 6 pm Saturday

10 am to 5 pm Sunday

The OFLNA Council meets the third Tuesday of the month at the Adobe House at 7pm. Open to the public. For info call 318-0219.

The Fort Lowell Historic District Board meets the fourth Tuesday of the month. Call Mary Lou Nuttall (325-6907) for time and place. Open to the public.